

# Zion's Advocate

*"And blessed are they who shall seek to bring forth my Zion at that day,  
for they shall have the gift and the power of the Holy Ghost...."*  
1 Nephi 3:187

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## Knowest Thou the Ordinances of Heaven

Job 38:33

Look unto heaven!  
The still and solemn stars are burning there,  
Like altars lighted in the upper air,  
And to the worship of the great God given,  
Where the pure spirits of the un sinning dead,  
Redeemed and sanctified from Earth, might shed  
The holiness of prayer.

Look ye above!  
The earth is glorious with its summer wreath;  
The tall trees bend with verdure; and, beneath  
Young flowers are blushing like unwhisper'd love.  
Yet these will change—earth's glories be no more,  
And all her bloom and greenness fade before  
The minister of Death.

Then gaze not there.  
God's constant miracle—the star-wrought sky  
Bends o'er ye, lifting silently on high,  
As with an Angel's hand, the soul of prayer;  
And Heaven's own language to the pure of Earth,  
Written in stars at Nature's might birth,  
Burns on the gazing eye.

Oh, turn ye, then,  
And bend the knee of worship; and the eyes  
Of the pure stars shall smile, with glad surprise,  
At the deep reverence of the sons of men.  
Oh! bend in worship, till those stars grow dim,  
And the skies vanish, at the thought of Him  
Whose light beyond them lies!

—John Greenleaf Whittier

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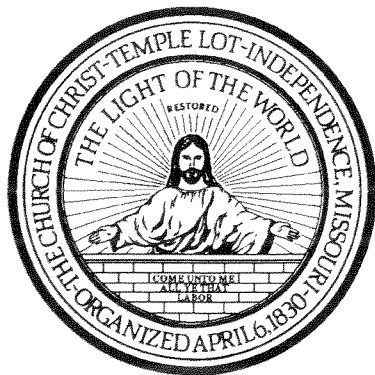
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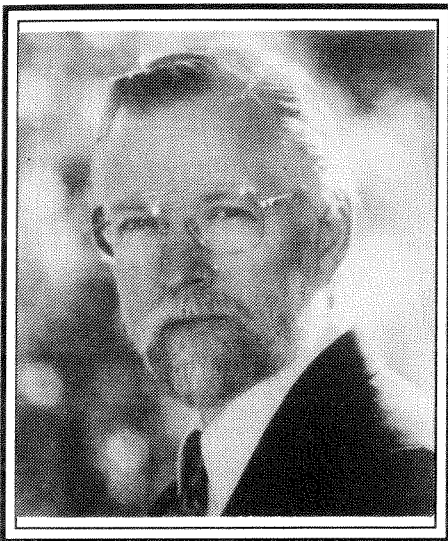
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# Our High Calling

(A PECULIAR TREASURE UNTO THE LORD)



Harvey E. Seibel

“Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, *then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto me above all people*: for all the earth is mine: And ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and an holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. And Moses came and called

for the elders of the people, and laid before their faces all these words which the Lord commanded him. And all the people answered together, and said, All that the Lord hath spoken we will do. And Moses returned the words of the people unto the Lord” (Exodus 19:5-8).

“...The Lord hath chosen thee *to be a peculiar people unto himself, above all the nations that are upon the earth*” (Deuteronomy 14:2).

From the New Testament we read,

“For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world; Looking for that

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blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, *that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works*” (Titus 2:11-14).

“But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, *a peculiar people*; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of

darkness into his marvelous light; Which in time past were not a people, but are now the people of God: which had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy. Dearly beloved, I beseech you as strangers and pilgrims, *abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul*" (1 Peter 2:9-11).

In the first two scriptures the word was directed to the children of Israel. They had been chosen out of the world to be a peculiar people unto the Lord, set apart from all other nations. The latter two scriptures are directed to the Christian church established by Christ. These were a people called out of the world, also to be a peculiar people unto God.

Consider the contrast between Abraham and Eli. Abraham was chosen because God knew he would command his children and his household after him. Eli and his household was rejected because he failed to command his sons to righteousness.

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We are also told to,

"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. *For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever*" (1 John 2:15-17).

We live in a very difficult time. Wickedness abounds on every hand. Materially we have everything that can be

imagined, but we have suffered spiritually as a consequence. We have televisions and computers with Internet access where, with just a push of a button, or the click of the mouse, we can view the vilest of material, things which in former times one had to go out of the way to obtain. And we can do this in the privacy of our homes. The scriptures instruct us to "...have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret" (Ephesians 5:11-12).

"Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God" (1 Corinthians 6:9-10).

What is worse: personally partaking of evil, or watching it vicariously on the screen? As a man thinketh, the scriptures tell us, so is he. If we fill our minds with evil, our minds will become evil. Rather, we are admonished to

look for the beautiful and think on the good. In Isaiah we read,

“The sinners in Zion are afraid; fearfulness hath surprised the hypocrites. Who among us shall dwell with the devouring fire? who among us shall dwell with everlasting burnings? He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his hands from holding of bribes, *that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from seeing evil*” (Isaiah 33:14-15).

If we want to escape the judgments to come we need to be watchful what we take pleasure in, whether by design, or carelessly. So much that we see on television, movies, or on videos are evil and fit the description above. They are not at all edifying to the soul, even though they may be considered entertainment. The time could be more profitably spent studying the scriptures or doing good works.

The Psalmist wrote, “who shall stand in his holy place?” He answers by saying, “He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart”

(Psalm 24:3-4).

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which

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are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God” (Galatians 5:19-21).

Television and the Internet are not the only offenders. There are also magazines, books, filthy music, casinos, and questionable entertainment of all kinds. We have become lovers of pleasure, though, hopefully, not more than lovers of God.

The young are particularly vulnerable to the influences and temptations of the society in which we live. It is for these I am especially concerned. In how many ways do we emulate the world? How much are we in the world but yet not of it? Are we truly seeking first the kingdom of God? Alma and Ammon could not bear the thought of any soul perishing in hell. Where do we stand in this work of the gospel?

As to the world's dress, we have this from the scriptures,

“In like manner also, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefacedness and sobriety; not with broided hair, or gold, or pearls, or costly array, But (which becometh women professing godliness) with good works” (1 Timothy 2:9-10).

There must be a reason for this admonition about modest apparel. Immodest dress causes many men, inadvertently, to lust. The scriptural injunction addressed to men is, “That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart” (Matthew 5:28). Immodest or skimpy attire makes this task doubly the more difficult for men, a

thing unfair to them, and inconsiderate of those women thus sporting themselves.

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While it is unavoidable out in the world, it is truly out of place in the church. It severely detracts from the spirituality of our meetings while distracting those around them from full attention to the Spirit. Paul acted charitably to the weaknesses of men lest he should be the cause of their sinning, when he said, "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend" (1 Corinthians 8:13).

"There is therefore now no condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus, *who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit*" (Romans 8:1).

*"For they that are after the flesh do mind the things of the flesh; but*

*they that are after the Spirit the things of the Spirit...So then they that are in the flesh cannot please God...But ye are not in the flesh, but in the Spirit, if so be that the Spirit of God dwell in you...And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin; but the Spirit is life because of righteousness...For if ye live after the flesh, ye shall die: but if ye through the Spirit do mortify the deeds of the body, ye shall live (Romans 8:5, 8-9, 10, 13).*

Earlier Paul said, "For I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing" (Romans 7:18).

The Book of Mormon says that it is the flesh which gives the spirit of the devil power to captivate and bring one down to hell.

Again exclaims Paul, "O wretched man that I am! who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" (Romans 7:24).

Nephi also expresses like sentiments, "O wretched man that I am; yea, my heart sorroweth because of my flesh" (2 Nephi 2:31).

Today the spirit of adultery and fornication is a very strong one. The world is overcome with this spirit. It is difficult for the young to

resist when everything about them is screaming for its acceptance. Thus we must be

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more vigilant than ever before. We live in a different world from that which I grew up in during the 40s and 50s. It is a time when wicked men and seducers have waxed worse and worse. It is also a time when the love of many has waxed cold. All have become hardened. "As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one" (Romans 3:10). Says Jeremiah, "The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jeremiah 17:9).

It is a terrible time for kids to grow up. Our young people are in critical need. The world has come into the church to a degree which is alarming to the extreme. The church should be a safe sanctuary where one can meet with the Lord without worldly distractions. We once had a spiritual admonition

through one of our elders (now an apostle) warning us about what spirits we bring with us into the church. That was many years ago. Yet today, that admonition is more true than ever before. We need to take a more certain stand against unrighteousness in the church, and reaffirm the righteousness which is in God.

The word from the Lord is,

“Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Corinthians 6:18-20).

“But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whoremonger,

nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheri-

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tance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. Let no man deceive you with vain words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the children of disobedience” (Ephesians 5:3-6).

The time for procrastination is over. The time of repentance is now, for time is short. The 6000 years of history are rapidly closing. The warning is,

“...Take heed to yourselves, lest at any time your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and

cares of this life, and so that day come upon you unawares. For as a snare shall it come on all them that dwell on the face of the whole earth. Watch ye therefore, and pray always, that ye may be accounted worthy to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man” (Luke 21:34-36).

# Thy Will Be Done

Priest Bill Malone

**W**e read in Psalms 91 verses 11 and 12: "For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. They shall bear thee up in their hands, lest thou dash thy foot against a stone."

I believe these words of scripture written by David, and I can see how they apply to our lives when I read the rest of Psalm 91, but as with any scripture taken out of context they can be misapplied and used incorrectly. The meaning of these two verses is not really pertinent to our study; however, the way they are misused in Matthew 4:6 is. It is a good example of taking the word of God, the truth, and applying it incorrectly. We see Jesus being tempted by Satan the second time. The first response from Jesus was, "It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of

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God." These words show the importance that Jesus puts on the written word. The verses that Satan quoted in Matthew 4:6 were Psalms 91:11 and 12. Satan recognizes the value of misapplying scripture, the truth, and the written word of God to deceive. Jesus shows us with his response, "It is written again, Thou shalt not tempt the Lord thy God," that those

words of truth were not used correctly. He also shows how the application of other scriptures gives us better understanding of how they must all fit together.

Some other scriptures I would like you to consider are Matthew 7:7 and 8, where Jesus tells us to, "Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you; for every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him who knocketh it shall be opened." In Matthew 21:22 Jesus tells us "all things whatever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive."

In the 5th chapter of James, verses 13 thru 16, it says:

"Is any among you afflicted? Let him pray. Is any merry? Let him sing psalms. Is any sick among you? Let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing



him with oil in the name of the Lord; and the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed any sins, they shall be forgiven him. Confess your faults one to another, and pray for one another, that ye may be healed. The effectual, fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”

I believe with all my heart in those promises that have been given to us by Jesus and other great men of God. I have witnessed miraculous healings for myself and for others near to me. I believe that God gives us miraculous healings from time to time because of His love and His mercy.

I also know that I have prayed many times for healing for a loved one and that healing was not given. I have seen many times when humble, spiritual and heartfelt prayers were offered by the Lord's ministry and the faithful followers of the Lord and yet the healings were not given. I have seen names on prayer lists where literally thousands of prayers are offered up in behalf of a loved one, with much fasting and mighty prayer, and yet they were not healed. Why?

In the 17th chapter of

Matthew we can see we are not alone with this dilemma. Verses 14 thru 21:

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“...And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a certain man, kneeling down to him, and saying, Lord, have mercy on my son; for he is lunatic (epileptic), and sore (greatly) vexed; for oftentimes he falleth into the fire, and oftentimes into the water. And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. Then Jesus answered and said, Oh faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? How long shall I suffer you?

Bring him here to me. And Jesus rebuked the devil, and he departed out of him; and the child was cured from that very hour. Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, (privately) and said, why could not we cast him out? And Jesus said unto them, Because of your unbelief; for verily I say unto you, if ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, remove from here to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible to you. Howbeit, this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting.”

In 3rd Nephi 4:2 we read, “And there was not any man who could do a miracle in the name of Jesus, save he were cleansed every whit from his iniquity.” We can read in Alma 8:33, “But it is by the prayers of the righteous that ye are spared....”

In these few verses we can see our prayers must be fervent, we must be righteous, we must fast, we must have great faith, we must call for the elders of the church and they will pray over us and anoint us with oil, they must be cleansed from their iniquity also, we must ask forgiveness for our sins, we must

confess our faults to God and to one another, we must pray for one another for healing, we must not doubt, we must ask, we must seek, and we must knock. In Philippians 4:6 Paul tells us to "let your requests be known unto God."

I remember a story in the *Guideposts* booklet called *Angels on Earth*. A young man was in a very serious auto accident. He said he remembers leaving his body three times and three times he was told to go back because his family was praying and God would heal him. His miracle took several years but he was healed.

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In Matthew 7:21-23 we read some more words of Jesus:

"Not every one that sayeth unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my father, who is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? And in thy name have cast out devils? And in

thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto

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them, I never knew you; depart from me ye that work iniquity."

There are many more scriptures we need to learn or study to understand why God doesn't give us what we want all the time. Let's look at a few more.

In 2nd Corinthians 12:7-10 the apostle Paul says:

"And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the

flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. And he said unto me "My grace is sufficient for thee; for my strength is made perfect in weakness." Most gladly, therefore, will I rather glory in my infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake; for when I am weak then I am strong."

Here we see that the apostle Paul came to the Lord three times before he realized the Lord would rather have him weak and humble (and useable) rather than free him from his physical afflictions. Surely Paul was a righteous man and his faith was sufficient for a healing but his weakness was to be a constant reminder. It was his "cross to bear."

Matthew 16:24-27 says:

"Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it; and whosoever will lose his life for my sake shall find it. For what is

a man profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul? Or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? For the son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and then he shall reward every man according to his works."

I think the Lord is trying to tell us we concern ourselves with the physical or temporal things of this world more than we should. (See Matthew 6:19-34.) And we don't consider the spiritual things as much as we should, or as much as God would like us to. I know that is a hard thing for people to accept. When you see someone you love dearly suffering or dying you don't want that to be God's will. I WANT MY WILL TO BE DONE!!!!!!!! and then I think about the examples that Jesus showed to us in the few short years He had on this earth. Every aspect of His life was an example for us. In Matthew 6:9 he taught us how to pray. "Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. THY WILL BE DONE!!!" Picture Jesus in the garden praying before the soldiers came to take him away. The agony He must have been in, knowing what was going to

happen to Him, and knowing the despair His followers must endure for the next

**It is our responsibility to know what is written, and God's promise to give us understanding if we diligently and humbly seek spiritual understanding of those things we read.**

three days before His resurrection. In His prayer, as recorded in Matthew 26:39, He said, "O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." ("THY WILL BE DONE.") Can you see what would have happened if Jesus had said, "My will be done?" There would have been no atonement for our sins.

Do you remember those two men that were crucified with Jesus, one on either side of him? One mocked Him, and one said, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. Jesus said,

"Verily I say unto thee, Today shalt thou be with me in paradise." He could have helped the thief to be freed from his crime or freed from his sin. Jesus chose a spiritual blessing rather than a temporal blessing for the thief, and a spiritual blessing for us rather than a temporal blessing for Himself.

He suffered and died for you and for me, to take upon Himself the sins of the world so that we may have eternal salvation from the pain and suffering and evils of this temporal world that we must sometimes endure, and have eternal life with God and with our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Paul says in 2nd Timothy 2:5, "Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

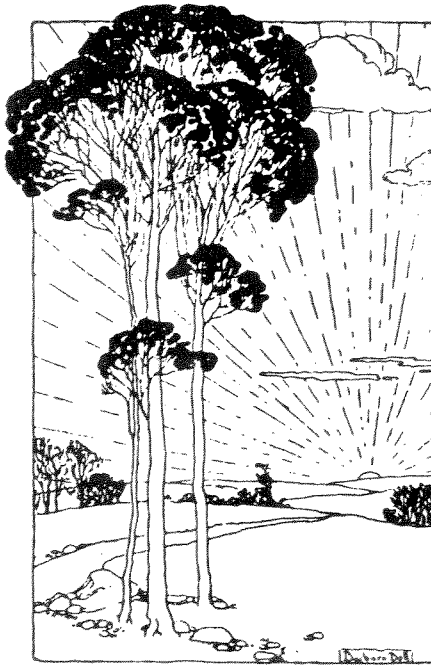
Jesus says, "It is written." It is our responsibility to know what is written, and God's promise to give us understanding if we diligently and humbly seek spiritual understanding of those things we read.

# "I Will Build My Church"

This beautiful testimony is by the late Sister Anna Keeney, as told to Donna Moser.

My story begins many years ago. I was just a young girl. I went to Sunday school and studied about Jesus and believed in Him and His teachings. I was born and raised in a rural community near Houston, Missouri. My parents were dutiful, faithful, and sincere in their religion. I remember talks my mother gave my older sister. She said, "Kneel each night by your bed and ask God to keep you from the evil of the world." These words were implanted in my heart and were helpful to me in younger years. She wrote in our family Bible: "Anna, read this book and be a good girl." This has had a great influence in my life. I lost my mother when I was eleven years old. Only those who have been through this know how hard it was. Ours was a very close family.

While I was in high school I was not ashamed to tell my friends that I did not want to do any of the things



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I thought I could not invite Christ to share. It did not matter to me that because I did not attend many of the popular get-togethers some were not my friends. There were those who liked me for what I was and I felt no need to worry. Living for Christ was more important to me

than total social acceptance. The admonition of my mother still lingered. I'm sure God in His wisdom prepared me for life without her.

I attended a Union Sunday school. In it were many wonderful people. At fourteen I was "saved," and was baptized and joined my family's church.

Later I taught classes in Sunday school, served in many ways, and studied my Bible. The power of the gospel did not seem to be a part of the lives of my associates. I was married and two years later our first child, Alzada, came. Then Ireatess, Mary Jane and Florence Marie. How I loved those little ones He had loaned and placed in my care! How helpless I felt in the early family years without a mother to turn to.

I realized more and more my responsibility in rearing my children to be God-loving and fearing. I turned to God in prayer and continued to search the scriptures. I mar-

veled at the love of God for His people. I was impressed that Christ said, "I will build MY church." I liked the officers He placed, the ordinances, spiritual gifts, and all the other blessings. I recognized that my church could not offer me all this. I began praying that if Christ's church was on the earth, I wanted to find it. I wept and pleaded! I had never heard of the Restored Gospel or the Book of Mormon.

Then God sent Elder S. P. Cox to our community. He preached the best sermons I had ever heard and I agreed with all he taught, which mentioned the Book of Mormon. He baptized several and later the Church sent Elder Arthur Rathbone here. I invited him to our home. He taught the Book of Mormon and everything began to open up. The thing which had been lacking was the fullness of the gospel. I thrilled at the ministry of the Holy Spirit as I continued to search the scriptures. I was made to know that His Church was here on earth today and I should become a part of it. On July 9, 1933, I was baptized in a stream

near our home. The minister gave a short talk which I thought was inspired. I was a member of the Church of Christ (Temple Lot). With His help, I have walked with assurance that regardless of what happens, all that really matters is how I live up to His teachings.

In a world of changing values, it is reassuring to know that God is unchangeable and that He reveals Himself today in different ways. I believe that His kingdom on earth is a reality. My life has been blessed by the many testimonies of the saints and their company has richly blessed my life. I cannot express the love I feel for those with whom I have been privileged to associate. I have found no other organization which has the warmth of fellowship that is found among the people of the Church of Christ. Our Heavenly Father has blessed me many times.

As I look back over a long and full life, I am filled with gratitude. He has blessed me with a wonderful family. When I have failed to measure up, He has forgiven me and sustained me. I feel

grateful that I live in this day and age. It is a joy to me to know that by the hand of an angel, the gospel of Jesus Christ has been given to men once again. My heart yearns for all people to have the opportunity to know, especially dear ones. It is my continued prayer that I may be effective in helping many persons respond to the fullness of the gospel and share this priceless treasure.

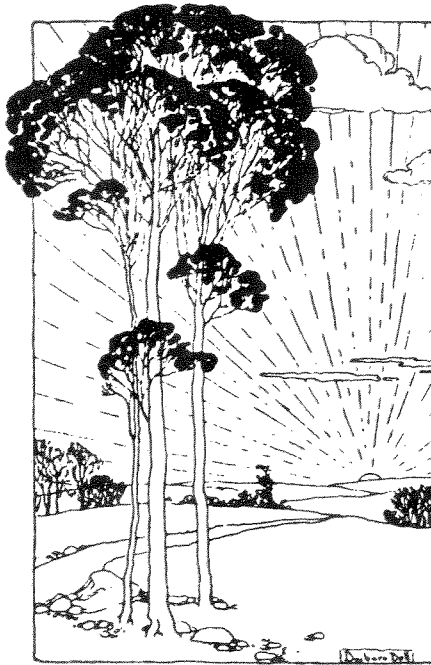
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# The Lord Has Watched Over Me

I would like to share a testimony with you about the beginning of my life. When I was about two months old, there was fluid found at the base of my brain and it was causing me to have seizures. I don't know exactly what the doctors did to treat it but I know that the Lord blessed me and made me well.

A few months later, my parents were told that I had polyps growing at the base of my vocal cords and they needed to be removed through laser surgery. My mom asked my grandpa, the late Apostle Jensen, to administer to me. I had the surgery and everything was fine until a few months later when they started to grow again. That went on for about five years. I have had over 20 operations dealing with that problem, and I remember going in for shots every day for a period of time after each surgery.

One of the problems I had during that particular time was that I wasn't able to cry because of the polyps. My mom says



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that she could hear my cradle rattle when I would try to cry or when I needed something. After the surgeries, when I could cry and be heard again, she said that my cradle couldn't be heard anymore.

When I was about three they thought that everything was back to normal, but when I was four or five the polyps had started to grow again. Since

nobody knew about it, there was nothing that could be done. One night when my mom came home from work and everyone was asleep, she says that she had a feeling that she needed to check on me. When she did, she found me holding my throat with my hands. I had been suffocating because the polyps had grown so much that they had blocked my airway so I couldn't breathe. My mom called an ambulance and I was later life-flighted to a hospital.

I am thankful to the Lord that He has spared my life many times. I realized all of the consequences that I could have faced, such as having my voice box removed. But I know that the Lord has watched over me. I am extremely thankful, and I also believe strongly in the power of administration.

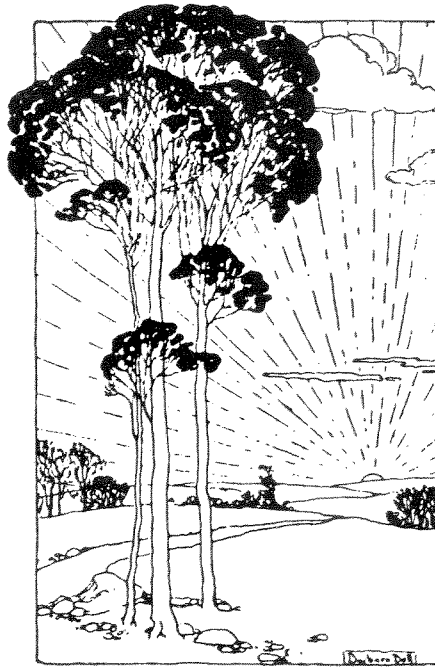
*Lisa Clark*

—Posted on the CCEG

# “For he shall give his angels charge over thee...”

I have a testimony to share with you all. One morning Karyn arose with the children and fed and bathed them. Blayke wanted to come over and spend the day with us. Karyn brought him over and one thing led to another. Karyn decided that she would take Korynne home for her afternoon nap. Blayke stayed here with us.

Once home, Karyn and Korynne went upstairs to bed. Usually Korynne would go right to sleep. This day she was giving her mother a hard time and kept saying “PaPa,” and then proceeded to smile at no one and carry on a conversation. This spooked Karyn, and after being in bed for 45 minutes she decided to come back over to my house. Korynne went into our room and laid down with her papa and fell asleep before you could blink an eye. Karyn watched TV for awhile



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and after a few hours had to pick up her husband at work. This she did and stated that she would be back as soon as Brian changed his clothes.

They got home and walked into the house to an extremely strong odor of propane gas. They gagged and coughed and had to put towels over their face because of

the smell. The point being that Korynne’s guardian angel was there to protect them, and was going through Korynne. If it hadn’t been for this, both Karyn and Korynne might have died in their sleep.

I strongly believe that Our Heavenly Father sent an angel to protect the two. I am very thankful for Our Heavenly Father for protecting my two babies. Thanks be to God.

*Love in Gospel Bonds,  
Paul and Debbie Grant,  
Karyn and Miss Korynne (aka  
oogie bugs).*

*Debbie Grant*

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**ANNOUNCEMENT**

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**WHEN: APRIL 1, 2001**

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# APRIL MINISTERS' CONFERENCE 2001

As instructed by the 1964 April Ministers' Conference, be advised that the 2001 April Ministers' Conference will begin on Monday, April 2, 2001, "Conference Sunday," beginning Sunday, April 1, 2001. The first business session will begin at 9:00 a.m. Monday, April 2, 2001, at the General Church Building on the Temple Lot.

According to action taken during the 1999 April Ministers' Conference, Solemn Assembly will be held Friday, March 30th and Saturday, March 31st,

2001, at the General Church Building on the Temple Lot.

All committee reports should be forwarded to the Conference Secretary at least two (2) weeks in advance of the beginning of the first business session. As is always the case, it is requested that any business desired to be placed before the 2001 April Ministers' Conference should be forwarded in advance of the first business meeting so that document packets may be completed for distribution.

Mailing address for the

above requested information is:

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**April Ministers'**  
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*Your Brother in Gospel Bonds,*  
*Elder R. W. Oldham*  
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## Young People

# YOUTH FORUM 2001

DATE: MONDAY, APRIL 2, 2001

TIME: 4:00-6:00 P.M.

PLACE: EAST LOCAL

**Y**OUTH OF THE AGE OF 22 AND YOUNGER ARE INVITED TO SHARE AND COLLECT THOUGHTS TO BRING BEFORE THE GENERAL CHURCH CONFERENCE, AS WELL AS TO REPORT ACTIVITIES FROM THE PAST YEAR AND ANNOUNCE ACTIVITIES FOR THE PRESENT YEAR. PLEASE BRING YOUR SCRIPTURES.

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# Resolution for the 2001 Solemn Assembly

The Council of Apostles recommends for adoption the following:

Be it resolved that a Solemn Assembly be held the two days preceding the April Ministers' Conference, on March 30th and March 31st, 2001, and the following statements will comprise our purpose:

Whereas, By numerous prophecies we know that the day of the Lord is nigh at hand, and

Whereas, We know that great tribulation shall come upon the earth before the great and dreadful day of the Lord, and

Whereas, We have the example of the church as found in Moroni 6:6: "*And the church did meet together oft, to fast and to pray, and to speak one with another concerning the welfare of their souls:...*"

Therefore, Resolved, That the whole membership of the Church of Christ, from the youngest child to the oldest member, be called to a solemn assembly, that a period of fasting may be sanctified unto our God.

Resolved, that this period of fasting and prayer be held on the Temple Lot,

Resolved, That we seek to lay hold on the promise recorded in Joel 2:32, "*And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be delivered: for in mount Zion and in Jerusalem shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and in the remnant whom the Lord shall call.*"

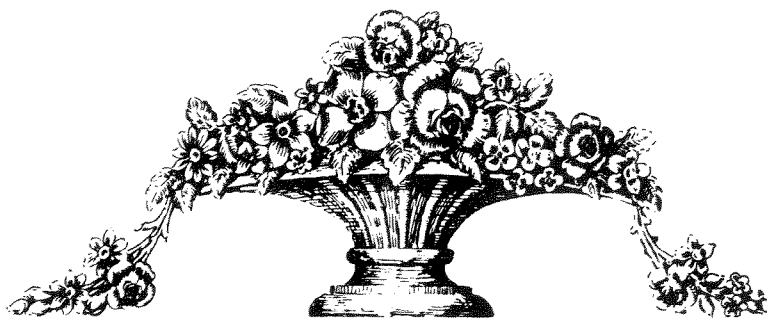
Resolved, that all members of this Church of Christ, who are hindered by circumstances beyond their control from assembling on the Temple Lot, will dedicate the same period to fasting and prayer in their locals or in their homes, that the whole church be united in one heart and one mind, that the direction of the Lord be revealed to us, that the power of the Holy Ghost cover us as the waters cover the sea, that the servants of the Lord might go forth in boldness and power, preaching the word with authority unto the uttermost ends of the earth.

*Respectfully submitted,  
(Signed)  
Smith N. Brickhouse, Secy.  
Council of Apostles*

OBITUARY

# Vera Mae Ledlow Worley

March 8, 1911 — January 4, 2001



Vera Mae Worley, of Andalusia, Alabama, passed from this life to her eternal reward on January 4, 2001, in Pensacola, Florida, at the age of 89 years.

Vera was born on March 8, 1911, to Eugene Ledlow and Sally (Hughes) Ledlow. She was baptised by Elder Gale Brantner into Christ and the Church of Christ on July 6, 1997, at River Falls, Alabama.

She is survived by one daughter, Norma Worley King and one son, Donnie Worley; six grandchildren, Marcie James, Anthony King, Walter King, Hollie Worley, Courtney Worley, and David Worley; and one great grandchild, Jerrod James. Also special family Glenda Bemis, Belinda Rogers, Donald Gibson, Margaret Harris, and a host of friends and neighbors, all lovingly calling her Granny Worley.

Funeral services were held at the Gantt Church of Christ, Gantt, Alabama, on Sunday, January 7, 2001, with Elder Charles W. Brantner officiating.

Interment was in Harmony Cemetery, Sanborn, Alabama. Arrangements were made by Foreman-Brown Funeral Home, Andalusia, Alabama.

A light shines upon the path we walk  
Hid from all the world apart,  
Where no eye but His can see,  
Where no ear but His can hear me pray.  
With tender compassion He says:  
"Speak, my child; pour out thy heart."

In seasons of distress and grief,  
I have often found relief,  
When through the mists and shadows I hear  
The sweetest voice I've ever known say:  
"Child of mine, am I not with thee,  
Never to leave thee alone?"

As I walk with Him, the Kingdom I can see.  
No more fears or doubtings my trusting soul  
does see.

With love that wilt not let me go,  
I give Thee back the life I owe.  
And now I will work, and watch, and humbly bow  
So that I may have a walk with God.

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